

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 12, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

Business Meeting

Jr. – Sr. High School Library, 930 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich, RI

MEETING MINUTES

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Convene Meeting

Call to order Chair Pande, 6:08 PM

Board members present: Claudine Pande, Chairperson; Mark Rafanelli, Vice Chairperson; Diane Bampton Allen; Theresa Donovan, Sheryl Green, Lee Kissinger

Board members absent: Valerie Zuercher, Clerk

Others present: James Erinakes, II, Superintendent; Marie Ahern, Curriculum Director

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. District Mission Statement

III. Open Forum (15-minute limit)

IV. Recognitions/Achievements

A. **2016 Hobey Baker High School Character Award**

Alexander Ventura was honored as the 2016 Hobey Baker High School Character Award recipient.

V. Presentation

A. **Student Liaison Monthly Report**

Written report provided

B. **Sr. High School Presentation**

Principal Susan Chandler, English teacher Michael Walsh, and students Sarah Titus, Cameron Brady, and Nick Cardolino presented on Teen Dating Violence Awareness.

VI. Routine Items

Consent Agenda

A. **Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting Minutes of March 22, 2016; Executive Session Minutes of March 22, 2016**

B. **Personnel Items**

1. **Appointments**

a. *Item pulled*

2. **Leaves of Absence**

3. **Resignations – (As Recommended by the Superintendent, with Regret)**

a. Email communication from Emily Mowry resigning her position as JV Girls Soccer Coach – Sr. High School, effective February 27, 2016

4. **Non-Renewals**

MSV = Motion, Seconded, Vote

5. Job Share Proposals – (ENCLOSED) – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)
 - a. Proposal from Christine Scott requesting to Job Share .50 FTE of her 1.0 FTE position as 1 – 6 Elementary Classroom position for the 2016 – 2017 school year
 - b. Proposal from Terry Packer requesting to Job Share .50 FTE of her 1.0 FTE position as Grade-6 Teacher at Metcalf School for the 2016 – 2017 school year
6. Recalls
7. Sabbaticals – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)
 - a. Approval of Sabbatical for Arthur Searle – (.83 FTE Sabbatical/.17 FTE Technology)
8. Contracts
- C. Bills – Bills in the amount of \$356,819.23
- D. Home School Approvals
- End Consent Agenda

Superintendent Erinakes requested to pull item VI B 1 from the consent agenda, with no further action required.

MSV – To accept the consent agenda, after pulling VI B 1 – Rafanelli/Bampton Allen
– (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

- E. Correspondence – (1) August 25, 2015 – March 31, 2016 AND September 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015 Discipline Reports; (2) March 11, 2016 Communication from Exeter Town Clerk Lynn Hawkins copied to EWG School Committee Regarding Exeter Town Council Resolution No. 2016-05 in Support of House Bill 2016-H7078 An Act Relating to the Exeter-West Greenwich School District AND March 11, 2016 Communication from Exeter Town Clerk Lynn Hawkins copied to EWG School Committee Regarding Exeter Town Council Resolution No. 2016—06 in Support of Transportation Categorical Aid to Regional School Districts; (3) March 29, 2016 Communication from Exeter Town Clerk Lynn Hawkins to Superintendent Erinakes Regarding Exeter Town Council Resolution No. 2016-03 in Support of the Formation of a Coalition Among RI's Regional School Districts

F. 2016-2017 Budget

Superintendent Erinakes shared information

- The 2016 – 2017 school district budget passed on April 11, 2016
- The House Bill regarding reinstatement of the regionalization incentive will be heard this week

G. Monthly Subcommittee Report(s)

1. Policy Subcommittee
2. IT Subcommittee
3. Charter Review Subcommittee
4. Building Subcommittee

H. Monthly Status Reports

1. Superintendent
2. Curriculum
3. Business
4. Special Education
5. Special Education
6. Maintenance
7. Technology

VII. New Business

A. School Start Times – Discussion

Committee agreed to have Superintendent Erinakes research the implications of altering school start times.

B. Approve New High School Course Offering

1. AP-Computer Science Principles

MSV – To approve the AP Computer Science Principles course – Kissinger/Donovan
– (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

Committee strongly recommends offering the course to students starting in grade-10.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Policies Review/Amendment/Adoption/Deletion

4. 3801: Purchasing of Supplies and Services – 2nd Reading/Adoption

MSV – To approve Policy 3801 – Kissinger/Bampton Allen – (6-0) –
MOTION APPROVED

1. 3801: Introduction to Purchasing and Payment Procedures – Deletion

2. 3802: Purchasing – Deletion

3. 3803: Cooperative Purchasing – Deletion

MSV – To delete old Policy 3801, 3802, and 3803 – Rafanelli/Kissinger – (6-0) –
MOTION APPROVED

**5. 3804: Authorized Travel and Travel Expense Reimbursement – 2nd
Reading/Adoption**

MSV – To approve policy 3804 – Kissinger/Donovan – (6-0) – MOTION
APPROVED

B. Reserve/Capital Project Update

IX. Reports/Comments

Committee member Donovan shared commentary she heard on the radio made by the School Library Association president regarding Rhode Island school libraries.

X. Important Dates and Meetings – Tuesday, April 26, 2016-School Committee Meeting; Tuesday, May 10, 2016, 2016-School Committee Meeting-Wawaloam School Presentation; Tuesday, May 24, 2016-School Committee Meeting-Special Education/Lineham School Presentation

MSV – To move to Executive Session at 7:37 PM in accordance with RIGL 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 (a)(2) – CBA – (C-94/Teachers’ Association)-Negotiation Discussion and/or Pending/Potential Litigation – Legal Advice – Rafanelli/Kissinger – and voted as follows:

Claudine Pande	AYE
Mark Rafanelli	AYE
Lee Kissinger	AYE
Theresa Donovan	AYE
Diane Bampton Allen	AYE
Sheryl Green	AYE

XI. Executive Session – RIGL 42-46-4 and RIGL 42-46-5

A. 42-46-5 (a) (9) – CBA – Grievance(s)

B. 42-46-5 (a) (2) – CBA – (C-94/Teachers’ Association) – Negotiation Discussion and/or Pending/Potential Litigation – Legal Advice

C. 42-46-5 (a) (1) – Personnel

D. 42-46-5 (a) (3) – Security

XII. Disclosure of any votes taken in Executive Session

MSV – To seal the Executive Session Minutes [of April 12, 2016] – Kissinger/Donovan – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

XIII. Motion to Seal Executive Session Minutes

MSV – To seal the Executive Session Minutes [of April 12, 2016] – Rafanelli/Bampton Allen – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

XIV. Adjournment

MSV – To adjourn – Bampton Allen/Kissinger – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

**ROBIN CERIO
RECORDING SECRETARY**